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## NO TIME FOR ANYTHING.

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[A young lady said that she had no time for anything, and this poem was written as an answer to her, and to all who feel in the same way.]

Time for nothing, can it be so?  
Now please answer me yes or no.  
No time for God, no time for man,  
And are you doing all you can?

What hours are wasted, thrown away,  
So that each week you lose a day?  
What time is given to useless things,  
That no blessing or profit brings?

At what hour do you rise at morn,  
And yourself for your work adorn?  
What days to pleasure do you give?  
Is it for joy alone you live?

I really think you've time to spare,  
If you each hour will plan with care,  
And keep your faith all firm in God,  
And lean upon his staff and rod.

Time enough, if all time we bless  
And waste of time to God confess:  
For then our work will well be done,  
And life's true battles grandly won.

—Dorchester Beacon.

## IMPORTANT IF TRUE.

A foreign dispatch says: "Jules Simon had a long talk, March 20, with Emperor William of Germany. At the close of the interview the Emperor presented M. Simon with the decoration of the Order of the Red Eagle. It is reported that in the course of the conversation the French statesman broached the subject of the neutralization of Alsace-Lorraine, and the Emperor replied that it was never too early to discuss a question that concerned the friendly relations existing between Germany and France."

The neutralization of those provinces is just the course advised and insisted on by the Peace Societies as the only practicable settlement—the best way to avoid a war and pave the way for disarmament.

## IS WAR PREFERABLE?

In contrast with the pacific protestations of the German Emperor we are told that the *Berlin Post*, an official organ, contained March 13, an article, stating that "the great increase in the Russian and French artillery compels the Emperor to demand an addition of 74 field batteries, of 40,000 men. Experts say that this will entail an expense of 53,000,000 marks for the first year and 35,000,000 ever after. Six hundred additional artillery officers will be needed. The people are dismayed at the prospect of the enormously increased taxation this measure will cause, and some say that even war would be preferable."

In point of cost, it might be. For an "armed Peace" is coming to mean something more expensive when prolonged than a short, sharp war. But when we count and weigh the miseries and iniquities of even one battle,—with what precedes and follows—we are convinced that a century of Peace at whatever cost estimated in money

would be cheaper than the sacrifice of health, life, morals, character and souls that is essential to a brutal duel between each of, say, 200,000 so called Christian men.

## NATIONAL MORALS.

Why is Europe an armed camp? Fear rules the cabinets of the old world. Distrust is in the air. There is no faith in European politics. The statesmen of Europe have been schooled to distrust each other. Diplomacy is mental reservation. The pen is the instrument of duplicity. Treaties are records of statecraft—cunning.

All this should be changed. The diplomatist must be the soul of honor. Statesmanship must stand for the highest morality and integrity. Nations must be in the body-politic what the citizen should be in his private life, the embodiment of purity and goodness. Nations are aggregated individuality. The people cannot do *en masse*, what God would not permit them to do as individuals. We must change the accepted code of national morals. Christianity has not yet been permitted to control national life as it has the personality of man. We must achieve this great victory for Christ. The crowning glory of the proposed world's fair would be an arbitration convocation, wherein representatives of all governments shall meet for the inauguration of a supreme court of the world.

—John P. Newman, D. D.

To have Mr. Gladstone ascend the scaffold as Sir Thomas More did, and have his head cut off for refusing test oaths or advocating the cause of Ireland, is as impossible in this day as to rekindle the Smithfield fires in Hyde Park. The spirit of the age forbids all such outrage to humanity. This spirit reflects the Christian teaching which the world has been slow to receive, and slower to practise, and which is yet to regenerate the world. Wars indeed, still continue. But even these shall not "devour forever." The Christian progress which has brought about such wondrous meliorations shall effect even greater. And the culmination will be reached in the fulfilment of the prophet's words—"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation neither shall they learn war any more."—*Dr. Van Sant-word.*

Into the question of rights and claims, as between Great Britain and Portugal, we do not care to enter. It is our duty to emphasize the fact that the moral right belongs to neither. Both are wrong; for both are aggressive intruders and interlopers, or so we should quickly say if the positions were reversed. The rights of the natives which are coolly ignored altogether, by each disputant are primary and paramount.

## AN ANTI-PEACE MAN.

The worst man I ever knew had no vice. He attended church and broke no commandment and indulged in no excesses. Yet he nagged his wife and children to the grave, and destroyed every flower of pleasure which sprang up by his hearthstone, and ruined the tender young lives about him with the unceasing tempers of a household tyrant and petty demon.—*Ella Wheeler Wilcox.*